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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 March 2004.
2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
6) ☒ Claim(s) 1 is/are rejected.
7) ☒ Claim(s) 2-7 is/are objected to.
8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Usui et al., USP 5,947,511 (already of record) in view of Takeuchi et al., USP 6,136,249 (already of record).

The cited primary reference teaches the basic claimed process of molding a composite article useful in automobiles. The detailed process steps include forming a first portion of the composite from a first injected material in a first injection-molding cavity. The first portion is molded in a fixed, bonded and interconnected relationship with the second portion. The first portion 2 is molded in a first mold cavity, wherein a moveable member 21 and a protruded section 15 delimit the first mold cavity. The moveable member 21 is removed after the first part has solidified. Next a second portion 3 is injection molded in a fixed, bonded and interconnected relationship with the first portion 3. See col. 7, line 46 to col. 8, line 46; col. 12, lines 20-65; col. 13, lines 1-53.

The cited primary reference does not set forth the claimed fascia assembly to be mounted on a motor vehicle.

The cited secondary reference teaches the basic claimed process of forming a fascia assembly for attachment to an automobile. The detailed process steps include

injection molding a fascia assembly to form a bumper part that includes openings for grill and lamp components. The method further includes preparation of a resin material. After the material is prepared as desired, the detailed steps include providing a material for the outer layer, and a material for the core layer and injection molding the assembly by injecting the materials using a co-injection molding apparatus or two injection units. The assembly formed has a grill portion formed of the outer layer, with the remaining portions being multi-layered. See col. 5, lines 43-65; col. 7, line 30 to col. 8, line 25.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the molding method set forth in the primary reference, to include outer fascia assemblies as set forth in the added reference, as the method lends itself to the molding of any number of conventional composites useful for automobile applications.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Note that all objections raised have been considered and addressed in the above rejection, including the newly added limitations to claim 1.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. USP's 5618485; 5695699 both show injection molding of composite articles wherein two molding steps are performed that result in two formed integrally molded parts in a fixed, bonded and interconnected relationship.


Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Angela Ortiz whose telephone number is 571-272-1206. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 9:00-6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Colaianni can be reached on 571-272-1196. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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